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To: Selectmen, Budget Committee

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Re: Capital Projects Budget Date: November 4, 2011

The capital needs sheet for FY 2013 is relatively light. The paving projects are listed under the major road improvements budget. The capital improvements article totals \$36,950, which is \$5,800 more than the previous year as follows:

Debt Service – Fire Truck - The principal of \$7,000 will be the next to last payment for the 2010 truck 405. The \$7,450 figure includes interest.

Front Door – The town office main entrance door has started to rot at the bottom. It's held together with duct tape right now. The \$1,500 estimate may be a little steep, but this door should be replaced.

Vault Shelving – The vault is a mess, and the way our historical records are stored is potentially harmful to them. We've had this money in the capital projects schedule for this year for some time at \$8,000. I've not come up with any particular plan for better storage but intend to have it much better organized so that our tax books, vital records, clerks books, property records and other items that need to be protected in the fire proof vault are laid flat instead of on their spines.

Aerial Photography – The last time true aerial photographs were taken for the town was in 1973. That will have been 40-years ago! The MDI League of Towns has been discussing the idea of a bulk aerial photography purchase. The \$10,000 figure is a guess for now – there should be some more information later. I've run this by the assessors who had lots of questions about it. At this point, I'm not really sure if the Assessors require aerial photography and whether images from Google Earth (free!) are adequate for any assessing needs.

Revaluation – The proposed \$10,000 continues to build this account which currently stands at a little more than \$84,700. The goal has been \$100,000 and this would put us nearly there.

Respectfully submitted.

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